

MONDAY night's Flood-light League win at Dolphin Stadium gave Wycombe Wanderers something of a revenge for their F.A. Cup defeat, and meant three away points to pull them clear as Section B leaders, writes Mike Whitesman.

But that's as far as it went. Victory for one below-strength side over another, was shallowed by a meandering kickabout which barely passed as football for long stretches at a time.

Slough, fielding star signing from Hitchin, Ian Reid, had little-known goalkeeper Brian Eastick to thank for such a close scoreline. Although neither team rated much in the way of goals.

Wanderers, guilty of almost too much misplaced passing and of ingenuity, nonetheless took any honours going. And, inside two minutes, they went one up as a loose situation to

Shallow revenge at the Dolphin

Slough Town 1, Wycombe Wanderers 2

the left of Slough's area ended with a strong drive into goal by Keith Searle.

Occasional flashes of good soccer poked through the haze as Geoff Anthony tried to add pep to the proceedings and Vince Faulkner held firm in defence. For Slough, centre-forward Dave Swain was a constant trier.

But it hardly satisfied the spectators, who waited all night for someone, somewhere to brand some class on the play.

A wild scramble just outside the Slough goalmouth yielded Wycombe nothing. But, after

42 minutes, a trip by Micky Bell on Anthony as the winger went round on the outside conceded a penalty — duly converted by Tony Horseman, who thus retained his status as Wanderers' leading scorer for the season.

If the first half lacked imagination and flair, its successor missed all this and more. Slough's finishing, already bad, deteriorated; Wycombe's bid for teamwork sagged.

Anthony, for whom the match meant a chance to re-assert his claim to a regular place on the wing, almost made it a third

with a full-blooded drive goalwards in the 68th minute. But Eastick, coming off his line to do his defence's job for them, diverted the shot for a corner.

And 12 minutes from time, Slough produced possibly the best attacking move when Swain crossed off the right and Tim Turl headed home by the near post.

One of the evening's biggest disappointments formwise, John Connell momentarily got in touch with the game in the dying seconds, forcing Kevin O'Brien into a circular dive as the ball flew loose across the goalface.

SLOUGH: B. Eastick; I. Reid, M. Bell, J. Hobbs, I. McPhee, S. Crosby; M. O'Sullivan, J. Connell, D. Swain, T. Turl, R. Hill, Sub.: I. Bone (not used).

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: K. O'Brien, C. Gale, I. MacLean, K. Blunt, V. Faulkner, I. Rundle, G. Anthony, B. Bremer, K. Searle, A. Horseman, J. Hutchinson.

Referee: L. J. Herrington (Redhill).

Half-time: 0-2. Goalscorers: Slough—Turl (78); Wycombe—Searle (2), Horseman (42 pen.).